Conversion of roads into National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

*71. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for conversion of State roads into National Highways;

(b) what are the proposals from Andhra Pradesh pending with the Union Government for conversion of State roads as National Highways; and since how long they are pending; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in this regard and at what stage of consideration these proposals stand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) New National Highways are declared keeping in view the following guidelines/norms besides the availability of resources, recommendations of the N.T.P.C. (National Transport Policy Committee), *inter-se* priorities attached to individual roads on an All-India basis and various proposals received from the State Governments:—

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State Capitals;

(iv) roads connecting major ports and important industrial or tourist centres;

(v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements;

(vi) roads carrying high density of traffic over an adequate length;

(vii) roads which will enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achievement of substantial economies thereby.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had projected 18 roads to be declared as new National Highways during 8th Plan as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Road	Length (in km)
1	Vijayawada to Machilipatnam	70
2	Kakinada to Jagadalpur via Rajahmundry Bhadrachalam and Venkatapuram	360
3	Hyderabad to Venkatapur via Warangal	260
4	Ongole to Raichur via Giddlaur-Nandyal Kurnool and Uppal	340
5	Chitoor to Badrachalam via Cuddapah-Markapur-Macherla-Nagarjunasagar and Khamma	680
6	Hyderabad to Chandrapur via Karimnagar and Mancherial connecting NH-6 and 7	332
7	Badrachalam-Chintur-Sileru-Chintapally-Paderu-Araku-Vizianagaram-Palakonda-Srikakulam on NH.5.	400
8	Naidupeta-Tirupati-Chitoor connecting NH. 5 and 4	130

Sl. No	Name of Road	Lenth (in km)
9	Red Hills on NH. 5 in Tamil Nadu to Gooty on NH.7 via Puttur-Renigunta-Cuddapah-Verraguntla	330
10	Nellore to Hubli via Gooty	370
11	Palamaneru to Anantapur connecting NH. 4 and NH. 7	228
12	Kurnool to Chitoor	368
13	Penugonda-Hindupur-Madhugiri-Sira upto Karnataka border connecting NH.7 and NH. 4	74
14	From State border near Bhainsa to Lakshettipet via Nirmal	170
15	Ongole to Annantha pur connecting NH. 4&13	231
16	Bellary (in Karnataka) to Deograrh (in Orissa) via Aluru-Adoni-Raichur-Mahaboobnagar-Nalgonda-Khammam-Bhardrachalam-Chintur-Narsipatnam-Saluru-Gunpur-Bhadragiri	1220
17	Palamaneru-Venkatagirikota-Kuppam-Repanpalle-Krishnagiri (in Tamilnadu)	100
18	Hyderabad-Sangareddy-Nanded-Akola Road	241
	Total	5905

The first fourteen proposals were received in Jan, 1991 and the last four proposals at Sl. No. 15 to 18 were included in the Memorandum submitted to the Minister of Surface Transport on his visit to Andhra Pradesh on 7th July, 1991.

(c) A decision regarding declaring new National Highways during the 8th Five Year Plan would be taken up after the finalisation of the Plan.

Fencing on Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pak Borders

*72. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of India-Bangladesh and India-Pakistan borders which has been fenced with barbed wire during the last three years;